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Comments on CIA/RR-G-6, Manganese in Brazil

1. At the time that the research on CIA/RR-G-6 was done the analyst was given to understand that the then GEO did not particularly welcome requests for information except in matters of extreme emergency. Since CIA/RR-G-6 was converted from a vulnerability study to a general survey of the manganese industry an overall presentation of the possibilities of sabotage was considered adequate.

At any rate, a visit today to DD/P, Western Hemisphere Division, revealed no pertinent information which would have been of help. To be sure there were many data available on possible sabotage tactics and communist strength but all were general and not pointed to the manganese mines or to any other mines for that matter.

2. While the research was in process a tab run in the CIA Library revealed only one SO report on the subject. This report was used in the preparation of CIA/RR-G-6.

3. Before publication, the report was checked by the ferro-alloys expert of the Materials Division and he found it quite satisfactory.

4. The Brazil desk of the Western Hemisphere Branch, FE, checked the marked sections of the report and gave their approval to each statement as it stands.

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5. I wonder if [redacted] really had any doubts as to whether D/GG approached the clandestine services for information or whether he felt that he had to [redacted] my point is that the cost of answering [redacted] memo comes to about one man-day.

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D/GG: [redacted]

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